IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

In re: Timothy D. Tatsak Jr. and April L. Tatsak Debtor(s)) Case No.: 14-24264CMB) Chapter 13)
) Related to Doc. #225
Lawrence Willis, Esquire)
Willis & Associates)
Applicant,)
Vs.)
Ronda J. Winnecour, Esquire,	,
Chapter 13 Trustee)
Respondent(s)	,)

TRUSTEE'S OBJECTION TO APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION

- 1. This case was filed on October 23, 2014.
- 2. Ronda J. Winnecour is the Chapter 13 Standing Trustee in this case.
- 3. Lawrence Willis is Applicant and counsel of record for debtors.
- 4. Applicant filed a second fee application seeking additional fees of \$1000.00.
- 5. The Trustee objects to the Application.
- 6. First, the Application premises the calculation of the fee on a retainer of \$1500.00. The retainer was actually \$750.00. In addition to the retainer of \$750, counsel has been paid an additional \$5250.00 through the plan for a total of \$6,000.00.
- 7. As to charges for the meeting of creditors on December 22, 2014, the charges are not prorated across each of the five cases counsel had meetings for that day. Travel time is also not prorated nor discounted. In particular, counsel had another case at 10:00 that morning, in addition to a case at 9:00, another at 11:00 and another at 1:00 p.m.
- 8. As to charges for the meeting of creditors on January 26, 2015, the charges are not prorated across each of the four cases counsel had meetings for that day.

Travel time is also not prorated nor discounted. In particular, counsel had another case at 11:00 that morning, and another at10:00 and another at 1:00 p.m.

- 9. On May 6, 2015, the travel time is neither prorated with another hearing counsel attended that morning, nor discounted.
- 10. On May 20, 2015, travel dime is not discounted.
- 11.On June 11, 2015, counsel charges a full hour for attending a conciliation conference even though he should prorate his time across all ten cases heard that day. Likewise, the travel time is not prorated nor discounted.
- 12.On October 15, 2015, counsel charges a full hour for attending a conciliation conference even though he should prorate his time across all 15 cases heard that day. Likewise, the travel time is not prorated nor discounted.
- 13.On January 7, 2016, 2015, counsel charges a full hour for attending a conciliation conference even though he should prorate his time across all eight cases heard that day. Likewise, the travel time is not prorated nor discounted.
- 14.On February 17, 2016 counsel charges a full hour for attending a status conference even though he should prorate his time across all three cases heard that day during the same hour. Likewise, the travel time is not prorated nor discounted.
- 15. In sum, the Application is so riddled with error and inflation of charges that it should be denied.

WHEREFORE, the Trustee requests that the Application be denied.

Respectfully Submitted,

January 23, 2020

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the date shown below, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing document upon the following, by regular United States First Class Mail, postage prepaid, unless otherwise noted:

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